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IN A MICROWAVE OVEN

AMENDMENT

To the Commissioner for Patents

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Letter of 18 June 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: begin on page 6 of this paper and includes both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments: begin on page 7 of this paper.

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